"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

There seems to be more weeds in small grain this year than usual. This will be a situation that we can expect on a continuing basis.

As small grains are developed with shorter stronger straw more sunlight is allowed to come in contact with the soil. This, of course, permits the germination of weed seed.

It is my opinion that we are going to become more dependent on herbicides on annual basis to control weed growth in small grain.

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We've seen two cases of bacterial leaf blight in corn. The last case also had a high infestation of thrips. You can't help but wonder if there is a relationship between the disease and the insect.

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The Appomattox County Farm Bureau has been very gracious in providing a moisture-tester for county farmers. This instrument will be housed at the County Extension Office for your use. For many years we have had to send grain samples to the lab for results. Now it can be done locally. This is a sizable investment that is a real service to the agricultural industry—we want you to use it.

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Reminder: Dark fire-cured tobacco growers will meet Tuesday, July 2 at 8:00 p.m., District Extension Office (Main Street), to elect a director to a three year term.

George Shirey showed me a litter of pigs that averaged 60 pounds at 56 days of age. This is probably one of the best litters ever produced on the Shirey farm.

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Insuring healthy livestock is an important goal of the purebred producer. Appomattox County can boast of three certified sow herds. This is the direction we want to move with our entire livestock population.

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Seems to be a lot of interest in Animal Industry Day at Virginia Tech, July 19. Already we are getting responses.

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Bill Williamson tells me that there are now 43 members of the Appomattox Cattlemens' Association.

This group will hold a cook-out at the Hugh Braford farm July 12 at 5:00 p.m. This will be followed by grading demonstration. It's a family affair so bring the wives and children. The cost is $1.00 per head.

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Have you noticed the prolific bloom of elderberry this year? This wild fruit makes a delicious jelly. If you haven't tried it--you should.

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When you see sourwood in bloom, quail pairing off, bream on their beds, you can bet it's time for a bull frog hunt.

A burlap sack, good flash light, and a sharp pointed stick or gig is all that's needed to harvest a tasty morsel.

Two large legs or four medium size legs are an ample serving. With the cost of meat what it is this is an easy way to add variety and a delicacy for any table.

Whether you call them swamp chicken or frog legs this can be good family eating.

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Last Week ..... .57
This Month 2.85
This Year 20.63

A small boy had been watching too many Westerns on television. Told by his mother one day that a great uncle had died, the boy asked, "Who shot him?"

Exhilaration is that feeling you get just after a great idea hits you, and before you realize what's wrong with it.

Pamplin

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Kay left Sunday for Pebble Beach, California. They will visit her mother, Mrs. Clyde B. Kintz and Dr. Kintz in San Diego, California. They will also visit Mexico before returning home.

William Couch of San Diego, California has arrived for a visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Harry Baldwin and Mr. Baldwin.

Our sympathy extended to the families of Mrs. Norwood Wayne, Mr. L. N. Ligon, Mrs. John Cole and Mrs. Sadie Crute.

Mrs. Bascom Williams and son, Emmette of Richmond were week end guest of relatives.

Miss Mary Rives Black returned home after undergoing surgery last week at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Sonda of Cocoa Beach, Florida are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Katorsky, Prospect, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. David Savitz visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Williams last week end. They have returned from a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Savitz, of Columbia, S. C.

The Rev. and Mrs. Durwood Fox returned home last Thursday after attending the annual United Methodist Conference, Hampton Roads Coliseum.

4-H Beef Club To Meet

The Appomattox 4-H Beef Club will meet Thursday night, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Extension Office Meeting Room in Appomattox. All members and parents are encouraged to attend as plans will be make to serv e a supper meal at the Appomattox Cattlemen's Association Meet on July 12. This project will take support from everyone.

Member are also asked to bring their Beef Heifer Project Records with them. Record keeping requirements will be discussed and explained.

There's been some beautiful clover fields this spring, but none better than that to be seen on the E. A. Covington farm, J. A. Smith, Extension Agent reported.

Here Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Covington stand in a portion of their 42 acres of red clover. The Covingtons operate a grade A dairy farm, Route 2, Appomattox.

Beckham

June 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drumbeller, Timmy, Dana and Robin Kay of Troy, Michigan are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin and visiting other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore Jr. of Richmond visited Mrs. Herman Moore Sr. Saturday. They spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Drinkard, Donald Lee and Miss Eunice Martin. Sunday dinner guest in this home were, Mr. and Mrs. John Grow Jr. and son, Wesley of Iowa; Mrs. John Grow Sr. of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Tyree of Waynesboro and Mrs. S. G. Martin. Visiting in the afternoon were Mrs. O. W. Martin Sr., Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jutson Morris, Mr. Thomas Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin, Patricia Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Carolyn and Melanie Morris, Al Sears and Mr. and Mrs. David Martin.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin Sr. were, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yeatts and Gary, Mrs. Sonny Carter, Crystal and Karen, Mr. M. G. Martin Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin, Michael and Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moore and Gwen. Visiting in the afternoon were, Mrs. Herbert Moore Jr., Mrs. Bonnie Maxwell and Kim, Debbie Moore and T. C. Harvey III, Crystal Carter spent the night in this home.

Special Service For Galilee's Widows

Regular preaching service will be conducted at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The general public is cordially invited to be present. The pastor of the church will bring the message and music will be rendered by the senior choir.

A very large crowd attended the regular worship service at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday morning. All who came enjoyed the beauty of the s[illegible] with its new pews and pulpit furniture. The number of visitors enjoyed in praises and songs with the entire membership. The gifts and offering for the day was

Mrs. Warren Hillsman spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Moore spent Friday night in this home.

The M.Y.F. of Trinity Church camped on the church lawn Saturday night. After breakfast the group went to Peaks of Otter for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin of Richmond and Al Sears were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and family. Dale Layne was supper guest in this home.

Mrs. H. C. Moore, Mrs. Tom Schmutz Tracie and Jennifer visited Mrs. Herman Moore Sr. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young spent last week at New Market.

Oakville Club Erects New 4-H Sign

On Tuesday, June 18, the Oakville 4-H Club met to erect a new "Welcome to Appomattox" sign on U. S. Highway 460 near Concord. The sign, located about ½ mile east of Concord, was erected on the property of Mr. Lyle Garrett. Members and guests helping with the sign were R. L. Harris, Lewis Martin, Timmy Clements, Nancy Stratton, Carol Carson, Cheryl Elliott, Berneta Moore, Gaye Phelps, Moore, Sylvia Culpepper, Pam Evelum Culpepper, and Steve Rhonda McCoy.

After the sign was put up, the enjoyed an afternoon of swimming picnicing at Holiday Lake State Park. Tom Davidson, club leader, assisted in arrangements.

The Cornerstone Sunday School Union will convene at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 10 a. m. All officers of the Sunday School and leaders of the union are asked to be present and on time. The Rev. T. M. Venable of Norfolk is the president and Deacon Moore of the St. Andrew Baptist Church is the vice president. The General public is invited to attend.

The Senior Choir of the Promise Land Baptist Church will hold its anniversary celebration on the first Sunday in July at 3 p.m. Several local church choirs have been invited to take a part in the celebration. The public is cordially invited to attend.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the Zion Baptist Church last third Sunday. The guest speaker was S.F.C. Allen of Hawaii. Everyone enjoyed the message.

The talent program sponsored by the Usher Board of the Triumph Baptist Church recently was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. Several visitors and out of town guest took an active part on the program. The offering was very good.

Deacon and Mrs. Frank Johnson are proud to have their daughter and son in law and family, S.F.C. Allen of Hawaii. Mr. Allen has spent three years in the armed service in the state of Hawaii. He and his family will now be stationed in Fort Meade, Maryland.

The following visitors attended the worship service at the Zion Baptist Church last service Sunday: Mrs. Arlen Bates of New York City; Mrs. Magnolia Wallace of Wadeworth, Ohio, Deacon and Mrs. Macks family; the grand children of Deacon and Mrs. James Franklin of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Martha Harvey Robertson has been added to the sick list. We are happy to report that the sick of the community are much improved. Mr. Donald Harvey is improving slowly.

The Vacation Bible school was a success. The attendance was very good.

Mrs. Arlene Bates and Mr. and Mrs. Wavely Gray of New York were recent guest in the home of the Franklins.

Mrs. Lucinda Lea[illegible] Spout Spring Co[illegible] still in the Lynchburg G[illegible]

Mr. Thomas Harvey [illegible] John Harvey of Spout Spring community are [illegible] the sick list.

Mrs. Delores Bagby [illegible] going special treatment [illegible] Lynchburg General Hospital.

Lodge Hospital.

The Vacation Bible [illegible] the Mount Shiloh Church will hold its [illegible] exercises this Friday [illegible] public is invited to attend.

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Seay Is Promoted

Cherry Point, N. C. [illegible] June 13 - Marine Pfc. [illegible] Seay, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Seay of 515 Nor[illegible] Appomattox, Virginia, has been promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Air Station here.

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Leaf 4-H Club Go On Fishing Trip

Thursday, June 20, the Appomattox 4-Leaf 4-H Club fishing and stayed on an overnight trip at Bud Rosser's [illegible] Pictured above are Mike Rowe, Freddy Mitchell, [illegible] Scruggs, Bill Vaughan, Scott Paulette, Andy Poole, [illegible] Rosser, Donald Parris and Baxton Parris.

[illegible] ery member earned money for the food on this fishing trip [illegible] ning cars at the Fidelity National Bank Branch Bank. [illegible] Frank Sweet is the the 4-H leader and went along with this

Speak At Zion

[illegible] Robert K. Knutson of [illegible] Baptist Church of [illegible], Hawaii, missionary, [illegible] at the 11 a.m. service on June 30, at Zion Baptist Church, Pamplin.

Bring your friends and hear this great man of God.

There are several ways to apportion the family income—all of them unsatisfactory.

Robert Benchley

29th Annual FHA Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walton, shown above, were keynote speakers at the twenty-ninth Annual FHA Convention held in Richmond on June 18-19, 1974.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention of Virginia Association, Future Homemakers of America was held June 18-19, 1974 at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond.

As the theme was "Directions '74" it was stressed throughout the entire convention. At the opening session on Tuesday, June 18th, the speakers were Mr. Lloyd Walton, Division Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools, and his wife, Mrs. Shirley Walton, VPI & SU Extension Agent in Appomattox County and a former State FHA officer.

While Mrs. Walton spoke, she asked questions which made each of us think about where we are going and what we are going to do.

Mr. Walton brought out points using cliches such as: "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you sit there." Also during that session some of the State Officers gave their officer project reports. 1973-74 State Vice-President Bonnie Prince's project was entitled "Going Metric." Through this she showed that the conversion of the metric system is coming and we have to plan directions on what we are going to do about it. During the business session, all of the State Officer candidates were interviewed. Carla Varner of Appomattox County High School was elected State President for 1974-75 session. Other State Officers elected were Vice President, Cynthia Bryant of Franklin High School & Muriel Freeman of Ladysmith High School; HERO Vice President, Donna Davis of Harrisonburg; Secretary, Mary Beth Edwards of Tabb High School; and Historian, Susan Henley of Patrick Henry High School.

On Wednesday, June 19th, Brenda Williams, 1973-74 State Historian, presented the "Search for Directions," State Program of Work, 1974-75. Penny Elliott and Teresa Cyrus of Appomattox assisted with the presentation. In the "Search for Directions" there are eight "Steps for Planning" which helps the organization achieve a worthwhile program of work. The steps are: choose a direction, search, narrow your search, check your directions, finalize you directions, follow your directions, and re-search.

Last, there was a banquet luncheon on Wednesday, the new State Officers were installed at this time. The Convention ended on Wednesday afternoon but the new officers stayed until Thursday for meetings to plan activities for the 1974-75 year.

Teresa Cyrus, Reporter

A Get Together

Friends and family of Mrs. Emma McFaden gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McFadden, Jr., Kay and Serena of Wooldbridge, Va. on June 9th for a get together.

Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. Edgar DeGrange, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hyden, Tommy and Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie DeGrange and Rex, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richard, Jr. and Mrs. Ruth Waldecker, Ray and Doris Foose, Greg and Linda Williams, Keith and Brenda Kolauda, Cathy and Polly Branagan.

From this area those attending included Mrs. Emma McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Martin, Debbie, Jeff, Lynn and Darryl, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Martin, Mrs. Pearl Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crowe, Rowana and Mechelle, Mr. Donald Drinkard, Mrs. Hester Shull, Margie and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Litchford, L. C. & Teresa, Mrs. Gerry Guill, Cheryl Ann, Ron and Todd, Mrs. Lockie Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ayers, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Ayers and Kim.

A good time was enjoyed by all.

Has Nice "Hand-Worked" Garden

Harry Ferguson of Appomattox is shown above in his nice looking garden that has been completely hand-worked with a hoe, no plows have been used here. You can see in the photo the good crop of tomatoes, squash, potatoes, corn and pole beans. Lots of hard work went into the preparation and care of this garden and he is quite proud of it.

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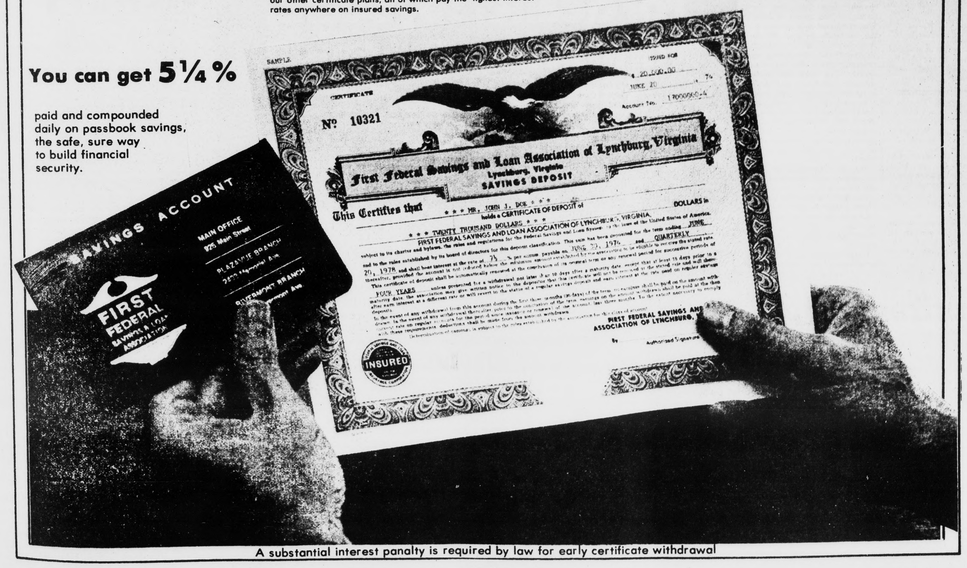

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